





## Match the description to the shark <u>AND</u> put them in size order

**Whale Sharks** are the largest shark alive today. They feed on plankton and travel large distances to find enough food to sustain their huge size.

**Mako Sharks** are streamlined, relatively slender and have pointed snouts, crescent-shaped tails, and long slender teeth. The shortfin **mako** is considered the fastest **shark** in the world, able to reach burst swimming speeds of up to 43 mph!

**Dwarf Lantern Sharks** are small (dwarf) and able to glow in the dark (lantern). Like many deep sea creatures, dwarf lantern sharks have bioluminescent properties.

**White Sharks** are found in cool, coastal waters around the world, great whites are the largest predatory fish on Earth. They grow to an average of 15 feet in length, though specimens exceeding 20 feet and weighing up to 5,000 pounds have been recorded.

**Thresher Sharks** have big eyes, a small mouth, large pectoral fins, first dorsal fin, and pelvic fins. They have a small second dorsal fin (near their tail) and anal fins. Their most noticeable characteristicis that the top lobe of their tail is unusually long and whip-like.

**Nurse Sharks** are slow-moving bottom-dwellers and are, for the most part, harmless to humans. They can be huge—up to 14 feet—and have very strong jaws filled with thousands of tiny, serrated teeth, and will bite defensively if stepped on or bothered by divers who assume they're docile.

**Bonnethead Sharks** are the second smallest shark in the hammerhead family, averaging 30 to 48 inches long with a maximum reported total length of 59 inches.